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Filing Date	12/31/1998	Serial No.	09/224,583
Examiner	Michael Opsasnick	Group Art Unit	2654
Title	Integration of Talking Heads and Text-to-Speech Synthesizers for Visual TTS		

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AMENDMENT REMARKS

This is response to an Office action dated January 2, 2003, wherein claims 29, 30, 41, 42, 52-56, and 66-70 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims, i.e., claims 1-28, 31-34, 36-40, 43-51, and 57-65 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over what the Examiner asserts is applicant's admitted prior art, in view of US patent 6,191,351 (newly cited).

Applicants respectfully traverse.

The enclosed Rule 131 Declaration of Prior Invention, and the attached copy of a letter from Dr. L. Rabiner, requesting the filing of a patent application, and the disclosure that came with the letter are part of the Declaration. It is noted that the date of Dr. Rabiner's letter, which is earlier than the filing date of the 6,191,351 reference, is purposely blocked out.

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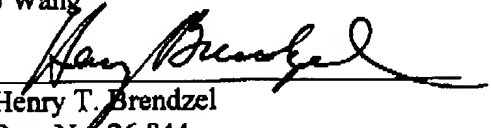
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In view of the Declaration, it is believes that all of the Examiner's rejections and objections have been overcome. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully,
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